

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 7, 8, 10-12, 14, 15 and 17-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 13 and 16 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 13 and 16, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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1. (Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:
an upper substrate and a lower substrate; and
nematic liquid crystal sandwiched between said upper and lower substrates;
wherein a direction of uniaxial orientation of liquid crystal molecules on
rubbing alignment layers formed on upper and lower substrates is either parallel or anti-parallel; and

wherein a temperature change of a retardation value of said liquid crystal device is reduced by changing a pre-tilt angle of said liquid crystal molecules so as to compensate for a change in a birefringence of said nematic liquid crystal due to changes in temperature.

2. (Amended) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, wherein the refractive index anisotropy of a liquid crystal composition having said nematic liquid crystal as the primary component thereof at 30°C is 0.150 or more, and the pre-tilt angle of liquid crystal molecules at 30°C at the substrate interface is from 10° to 45°.

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3. (Amended) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the orientation of said upper and lower substrates is provided by an organic orientated film having a vertical or high pre-tilt angle, providing uniaxiality.

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5. (Amended) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein black is displayed by performing phase compensation.